

REMARKS

Claims 6 and 11-29 have been cancelled. Allowed claims 1-5 and 7-10 remain pending.

Pending allowed claims 1-5 and 7-10 are directed to method subject matter. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments canceling allowed claims 11-18, and 20-29 directed to non-method subject matter. The amendments are made for the purpose of moving allowed claims 11-18, and 20-29 directed to non-method subject matter to a continuation application. Applicants intend to file such a continuation application upon entry of this amendment. It is respectfully submitted that these claim cancellations will not require a new search or raise new issues for consideration by the Examiner. It is therefore respectfully submitted that these claim cancellations should be entered.

The Examiner's amendments to claim 1 have been incorporated as set forth above.

The title has been amended to be consistent with cancellation of the non-method claims. Entry of this amendment is also respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the amendment to the title will not require a new search or raise new issues for consideration by the Examiner.

In the statement of reasons for allowance the Examiner provided various reasons for allowance. Applicants will not specifically address or respond herein to the issues/points raised by the Examiner in the Examiner's provided remarks. However, this should not necessarily be viewed as constituting acquiescence by Applicants as to the correctness of some or all of the Examiner's provided remarks.

Moreover, Applicants note that the claims are directed to various combinations of features. It is respectfully submitted that the patentability of each of the allowed and allowable claims resides in every feature of the recited combination of features of the claims in addition to the features noted by the Examiner.

Applicants submit that no new claims or new matter has been added to the application. Nonetheless, should any additional fees be required, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0466.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7970 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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